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SUBJECT: FRG GRAIN TRADE INTELLIGENCE

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1. PER CHECKS WITH TRADE, INCLUDING TOEPFER CO., THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE IMPORT AND STORAGE AGENCY (I&SA), THE STATUS OF POTENTIAL SOVIET PURCHASES OF GERMAN GRAIN APPEARS TO BE AS FOLLOWS: NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN GERMAN TRADERS AND RUSSIAN BUYERS HAVE BEEN HELD PERIODICALLY OVER THE PAST 2 OR 3 WEEKS. (REF A.). TO DATE NO SALES HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED BY THE TRADE. TRADE SOURCES STATE THAT EARLIER DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVIETS HAVE BEEN INCONCLUSIVE AND FALTERED ON THE POINT OF QUALITY VERSUS PRICE. EXPORTERS APPARENTLY OFFER OLD CROP WHEAT FROM I & SA. SOME OF THIS WHEAT GOES BACK TO 1972 CROP. THE SOVIETS ARE INTERESTED IN NEW CROP GRAIN ACCORDING TO THE TRADE.

2. TRADE FURTHER ADVISES THAT WITH A ZERO EXPORT RES-
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TITUTION (SINCE AUGUST 9) AND WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF

EXPORT LEVIES AUGUST L9, THERE IS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD THAT GERMAN TRADERS WILL BID FOR IMPORT AND STORAGE AGENCY GRAINS FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPORT. TRADE ALSO FEELS THAT BARLEY RATHER THAN WHEAT IS WHAT THE SOVIETS REALLY WANT.

3. YESTERDAY, AUGUST 20, WAS THE FIRST DAY THAT IMPORT AND STORAGE AGENCY WOULD ENTERTAIN BIDS AGAINST ITS EXPANDED PERMANENT TENDER. ANY BIDS SUBMITTED ARE IN BRUSSELS UNDER EC CONSIDERATION TODAY. ON FRIDAY, WE MAY BE ABLE TO LEARN: (A) WHETHER A BID BY TOEPFER OR SOMEONE ELSE HAS BEEN MADE; (B) THE QUANTITIES AND PRICE INVOLVED; (C) IF THE BID IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE EC.

4. COMMENT: IMPORT AND STORAGE AGENCY OFFICIAL NOTES THAT IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT THE COMMISSION WOULD ACCEPT A BID PRICE FOR GOVERNMENT-HELD GRAIN THAT IS LOW ENOUGH TO MAKE AN EXPORT SALE PROFITABLE EVEN WITH THE LEVY. HOWEVER, THE TRADE FEELS THAT SUCH AN ACTION IS UNLIKELY. ALL SIGNS SIGNIFY AN ATTITUDE OF CAUTION CONCERNING LARGE EXPORTS ON THE PART OF FRG AND EC OFFICIALS UNTIL THEY HAVE A "FIRMER FIX" ON TOTAL DOMESTIC GRAIN CROPS.

5. WE WILL ADVISE AS INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE. CASH.

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